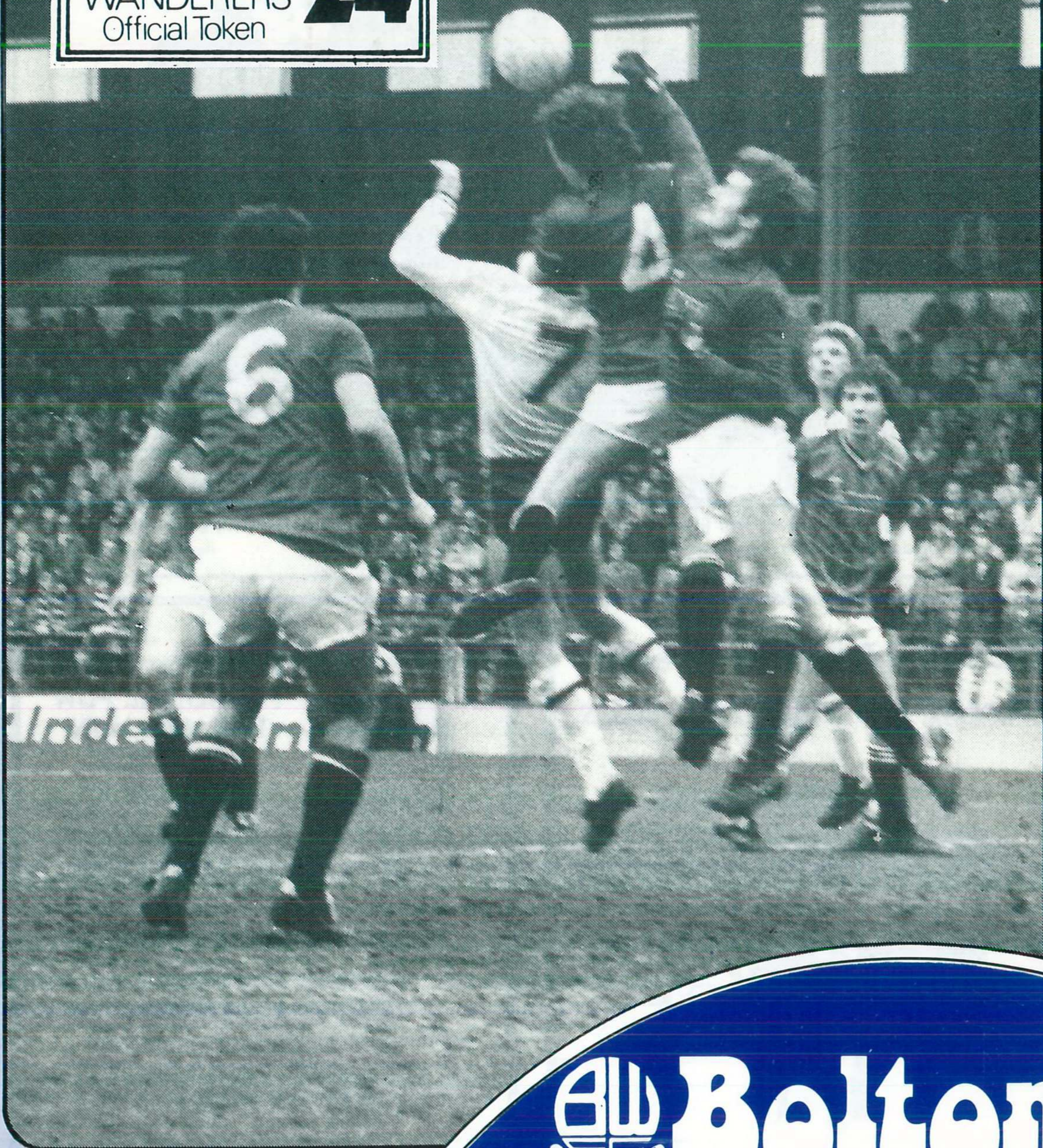


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John McGovern

In welcoming Plymouth and their manager John Hore for tonight's match, I hope that yet another of the Third Division's Cup giant-killers have actually managed to achieve the ultimate by reaching a Wembley Final — unfortunately I have had to compile these notes in advance of Saturday's semi-finals.

Like most Third Division clubs who enjoy a good Cup run, Plymouth have reaped the financial rewards as well as the good publicity and the thrill for the players and supporters.

If the atmosphere created by Cup games could be bottled it would surely be worth a fortune. I just hope tonight's match is as good as some of the Cup games our West Country visitors have been involved in this season.

Our last two home performances have been below par compared with the standards we have set ourselves this season and for the fans who have followed us loyally and regularly up to now we will try to make this a night when you have something to cheer.

It is also the last occasion when we have the opportunity to call on Neil Whatmore and, if selected, I am sure he will be looking to leave us on a high note.

I have been satisfied with Neil's contribution up to now and I hope we will see him again soon . . .

Our main aim for the rest of the season is to entertain our supporters more than we have at any stage of the season so far. We have to perform well, not only for reasons of personal pride as professionals, but also in appreciation of the people who pay our wages.



I must mention the Youth team, who did so well to reach the final of the Lancashire FA Youth Cup. Unfortunately they lost 3-0 to Manchester City on the night here at Burnden but it must be said that they were up against more experienced opposition.

Our lads had done so well to reach the final anyway with that 4-1 win at Blackburn in one of the earlier rounds being their most impressive display.

FRONT COVER: Steve Thompson's in the thick of things in the Gillingham penalty area.

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PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

EXCITING TIME FOR ARGYLE

By TONY PULLEIN

Plymouth Argyle took part in the most important game in their 98-year history when they met Watford in the F.A. Cup semi-final at Villa Park on Saturday. They had never previously survived the fifth round yet, on Saturday, they stood within 90 minutes of going to Wembley.

Whatever happened at Villa Park, though, Argyle have to get down to business quickly at Burnden Park this evening for they are still in some danger of relegation to the Fourth Division.

Though Argyle have won three F.A. Cup ties away from home, they have so far won only twice away from home in the League — at Hull City (2-1) and Port Vale (1-0), both in October.

Argyle have collected two other away points from drawn games at Brentford (2-2) and Wigan (1-1).

They have been beaten at Millwall (0-1), Rotherham (0-2), Lincoln (1-3), Burnley (1-2), Bournemouth (1-2), Bradford City (0-2), Orient (2-3), Newport (0-2), Walsall (2-3), Preston (1-2), Sheffield United (0-2), Bristol Rovers (0-2), Oxford (0-5) and Scunthorpe (0-3).

Their F.A. Cup run started with a goalless draw at Southend. They won the replay 2-0 and then ousted non-League Barking by 2-1 at Home Park. A last minute penalty enabled them to draw 2-2 at home to Newport in the third round and they won that replay 1-0.

Next came a 2-1 home win over Darlington and then that fine 1-0 success away to First Division West Bromwich Albion. After being held to a 0-0 draw at home by Derby in the sixth round, Plymouth won the replay 1-0 with an Andy Rogers goal, scored direct from a corner kick.

In the Milk Cup Argyle defeated Swindon Town by 4-2 on aggregate but then bowed out to Arsenal, by 1-2 on aggregate, in round two.

A thumping 5-1 victory over Torquay in the first round of the Associate Members Cup was followed by a 2-0 home win over Brentford which qualified them for a home tie with neighbouring Exeter City in the quarter final of the Southern section of the competition.

Plymouth's unusual name derives from the place of the club's birth, a public house in Argyle Terrace where the organisation was formed as Argyle Athletic Club in 1886. Home Park, the club's present ground, was originally the home of Devonport Albion Rugby Club.

In 1903 soccer enthusiasts broke away to form a new, professional football club and this was immediately accepted into the Southern League where it remained until the Football League took over that competition to form the Third Division (South) in 1920.

During the 'twenties the Pilgrims suffered the frustration of finishing in runners-up position for six seasons in succession! In those days only one club was promoted and that sequence is still rated as the biggest hard luck story in the history of the Football League.

Argyle eventually finished top in 1930 and held their Second Division status until 1950.

The club almost folded at the end of the last war. German bombs completely destroyed Home Park and, as the club had to withdraw from all forms of competition in 1940, it was virtually bankrupt when the time came to pick up the strings in 1945.

But a few enthusiasts decided to carry on, even though their only covered accommodation was a local corporation bus! This served as dressing room accommodation on the lower deck and directors' box on top.

After that relegation in 1950, it took Argyle two years to regain their Second Division place. When they dropped down again in 1956 it took them three years to jump back again.

A further relegation came in 1968 and they returned for their last spell of Second Division play in 1975. They were relegated in 1977 and have since remained in this Division.

Attendances at Home Park this season had dropped to around the 4,000 mark but a huge gathering of 34,365 cheered them in their F.A. Cup tie against Derby. And Cup success seems to have rekindled soccer interest in the Devon city for their next home game against Bournemouth drew 7,235 — their second largest League attendance of the season.

GEOFF CRUDGINGTON (Goalkeeper). Geoff joined Plymouth from Swansea for £40,000 in 1979. He began his career with Aston Villa, making a few League appearances for them. He moved on to Crewe in 1972 and remained in their first team for six years until signing for Swansea for £20,000 in 1978.

GORDON NISBET (Defender). When Gordon made his League debut for W.B.A. in 1969 he was a goalkeeper! When he was recalled to first team duty

by the Albion for an F.A. Cup tie he was a right-back. He has remained there ever since and did well enough to win an England Under-23 cap in that position. He moved on to Hull for £30,000 in 1976 and Argyle paid a similar fee to sign him in 1981.

CHRIS HARRISON (Defender). Chris has appeared in both full-back positions and he has also been used as a forward. A former Argyle apprentice, Chris earned his first team place in 1976.

LINDSAY SMITH (Defender). Lindsay joined Plymouth during the early weeks of last season from Cambridge. He initially established himself in League football with Colchester, making more than 200 League appearances. When he lost his place, Lindsay went on loan to Charlton and Millwall, then signed for Cambridge for £12,000 in 1977.

MARK SMITH (Defender). Mark was spotted in local football in Cornwall and has only recently been introduced to the first team. He made his League debut at Oxford last month.

JOHN UZZELL (Defender). John has been an Argyle professional since April 1977 and he made his League debut early in the following season. He has now made well over 150 League appearances.

DAVID PHILLIPS (Midfield). David has played both in midfield and defence. A former Argyle apprentice, he was introduced to the first team two seasons ago.

KEVIN HODGES (Midfield). Kevin is a product of the club's youth scheme. He made his League bow in 1978/79 and earned himself a regular place three seasons ago. Last term he scored 12 goals.

LEIGH COOPER (Midfield). Leigh also developed in the junior team, making his League debut in 1979/80. He won a regular place the following season.

ANDY ROGERS (Midfield). Andy was signed from Southampton for £50,000 in September 1981. His first club was Peterborough United, for whom he made 31 League appearances. Southampton signed him in 1979 but he got only rare opportunities in their first-

team. It was Andy's goal, direct from a corner, that knocked Derby out of the F.A. Cup and put Argyle into the semi-finals for the first-time.

MARK ROWE (Midfield). Mark is a local lad who completed his apprenticeship at Home Park. He made his first senior appearances two seasons ago but, until just recently, he had not been a regular member of the side.

TOMMY TYNAN (Forward). Tommy, Newport's top scorer for the past two seasons, hit 31 goals last term. He started his career with Liverpool but he didn't come into contention for a first-team place at Anfield. He was loaned to Swansea in 1975/76 and made his League debut during his short stay at The Vetch Field. It was after moving to Sheffield Wednesday for £10,000 that Tommy established himself in League soccer. He was the Owls' top scorer with 21 goals in 1977/78 but the following season saw him on the move again, to Lincoln for £33,000. But his stay at Sincil Bank was very brief and a £25,000 bid took him onto Newport within weeks. He joined Argyle last summer.

GORDON STANIFORTH (Forward). Gordon opened his League career with Hull City in 1973/74 but was only an occasional first-teamer for the Tigers. After joining York for £10,000 in 1976, he soon settled down and for two seasons he was their top scorer. Carlisle paid £120,000 for him in 1979 and he topped their scoring list in 1980/81. Plymouth signed him in an exchange deal shortly before last season's transfer deadline.

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN (Forward). Neville was signed on loan from Stoke just before the transfer deadline. He began his League career with Port Vale in 1978 and was their top scorer in 1979/80. Stoke signed him for £35,000 last season and, before going to Plymouth, he spent a loan period with Newport this season. He is the brother of England's Mark Chamberlain.



Back Row: John Hore (Team Manager), Chris Harrison, Lindsay Smith, Paul Chambers, Geoff Crudgington, Gordon Nisbet, John Uzzell, Mike Ham, Martin Harvey (Coach).

Front Row: Gordon Staniforth, Andy Rowe, Mark Rowe, Ian Pearson, Kevin Hodges, Tommy Tynan, Dave Phillips, Richard Forbes, Leigh Cooper (Capt).

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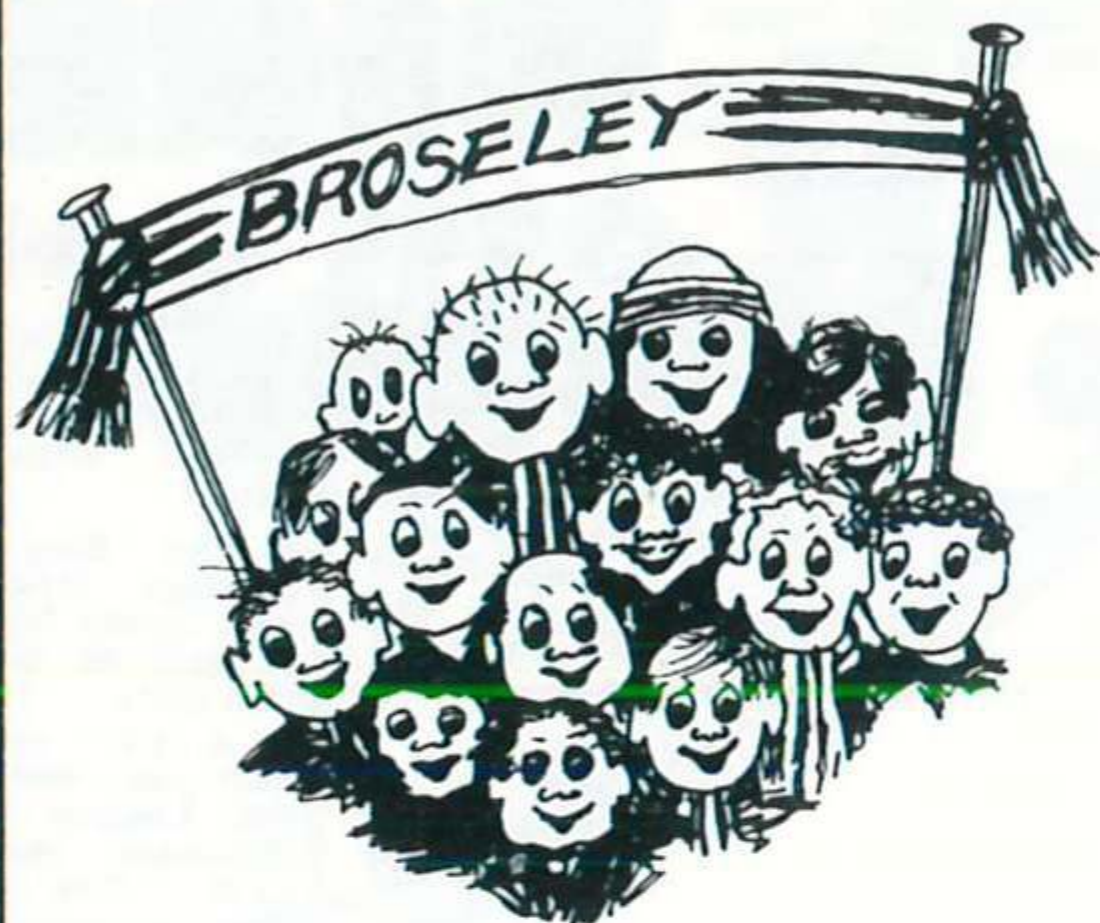
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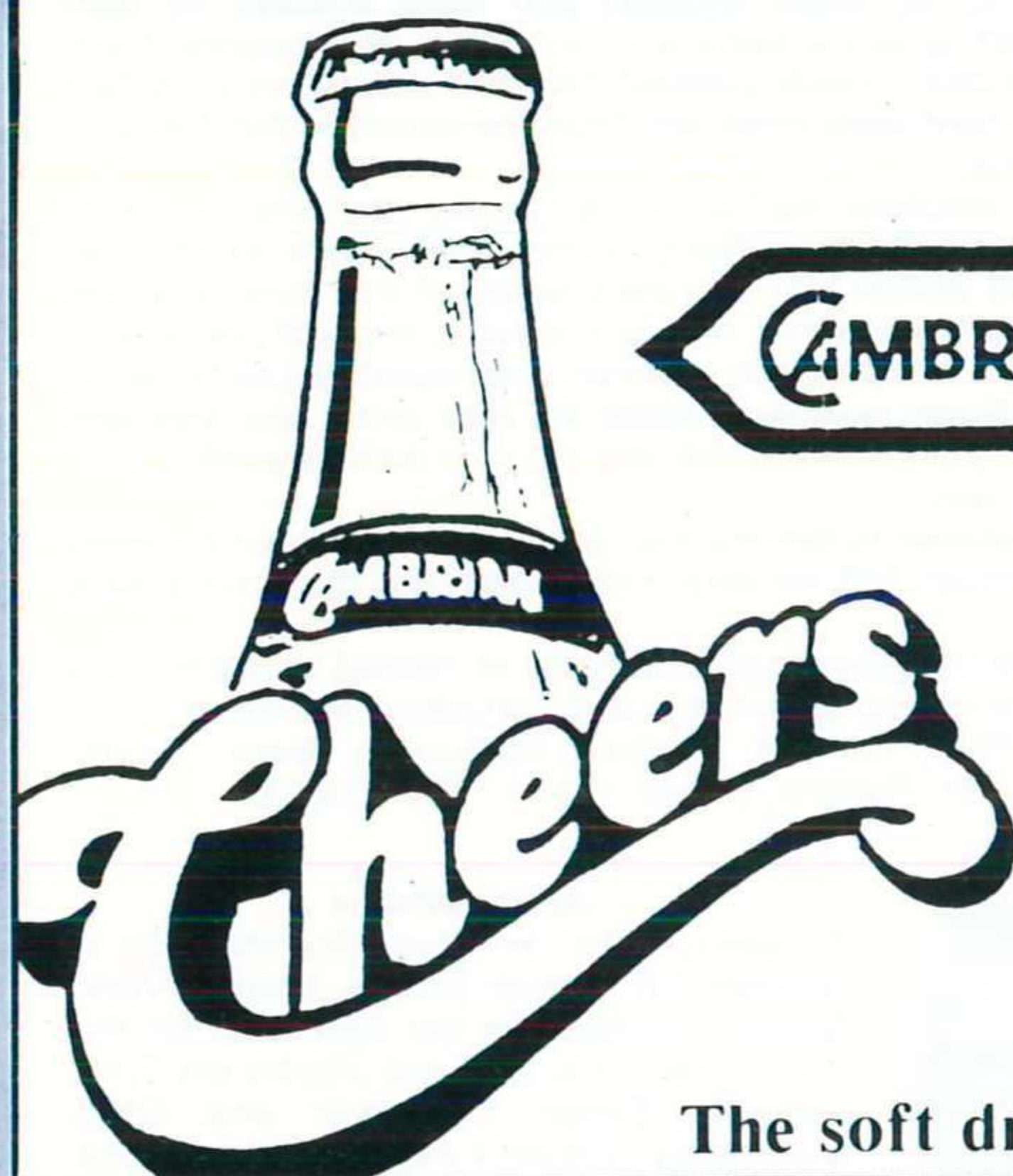
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NOTHING CAN GO ON FOR EVER

By Colin Benson

"I am sad," reflects Arsenal and Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings referring to the end of the British Championship tournament.

"The Northern Ireland v England game provides for most of our kids back home the only opportunity to see the English players they watch every week on the TV, live. It is a big occasion for them."

Alas, the England clash with Northern Ireland this April brought the curtain down on 102 years of competitive football between the two nations following the decision by both the English and Scottish Football Associations to pull out of the fixture.

So the world's oldest football tournament is finished, the victim of economics and declining gates, this side of the Irish sea particularly.

England team boss Bobby Robson also feels a tinge of remorse: "It is sad to break with tradition," he ponders. "You lose your heritage but then nothing can go on forever. We now have the opportunity to bring in top continental opposition on those dates and that will benefit us as a team."

The Irish don't see it that way. In a country where anglo-Irish relationships are particularly strained and our historical political affiliations are clearly remembered, nothing can replace a tilt at the old enemy.

BEST EVER

Billy Bingham, has emerged as Northern Ireland's most successful manager and he feels strongly on the subject: "In Northern Ireland it is very important for England to come over . . . it is our big match and that should not be forgotten," he insists.



Billy Bingham — Ireland's most successful Boss. Pat Jennings — "Sad".

Bingham has tried desperately to get some assurance from the Football Association that they will play the Irish on a regular basis but no such confirmation has been forthcoming, nor is it likely to.

It is difficult enough now trying to keep dates clear for international fixtures and the FA are well aware that their priority must remain the more lucrative and rewarding World Cup and European Championship tournaments.

Under Bingham's direction Northern Ireland have won the British Championship outright (1979-80), for only the second time in the history of the competition; reached the second phase of the 1982 World Cup Final series in Spain; and narrowly failed to qualify on goal difference for the current European Championship

Finals, after completing a sensational double over the holders, West Germany.

"You can always have some good one-off results in this game," observes Bingham, drawing on his pipe. "But we have managed to put some results together over the past few years which is good."

"Even so our away record in international football is just ordinary and we must try and improve in this area. But we have continuity in our side, the lads have played together for some time now."

PRE-ORDERED

"Success at this level requires more than just team work though. You will not turn any team over unless you have three or four players in your team who are capable of winning a game on their own ability."

"Lucily we have them and we must be thankful for that as in the cycle of small nations we don't get this situation very often."

"Czechoslovakia had it for a short time and Hungary and then Holland, but small countries can't sustain this level because there simply is not the turnover of players. So when you get an era where three or four quality international players emerge at the same time you must make the most of it."

Now his target is reaching the finals of the next World Cup tournament in Mexico. Ironically the draw for the qualifying

tournament has paired Northern Ireland with England, Turkey, Rumania and Finland, and so in effect kept alive the Anglo-Irish confrontation.

However Mr Bingham is not happy about that: "I think it is inevitable in these European competitions that we are drawn with each other," he says drily. "It seems to be pre-ordained." It is fixed? "No. Pre-ordained."

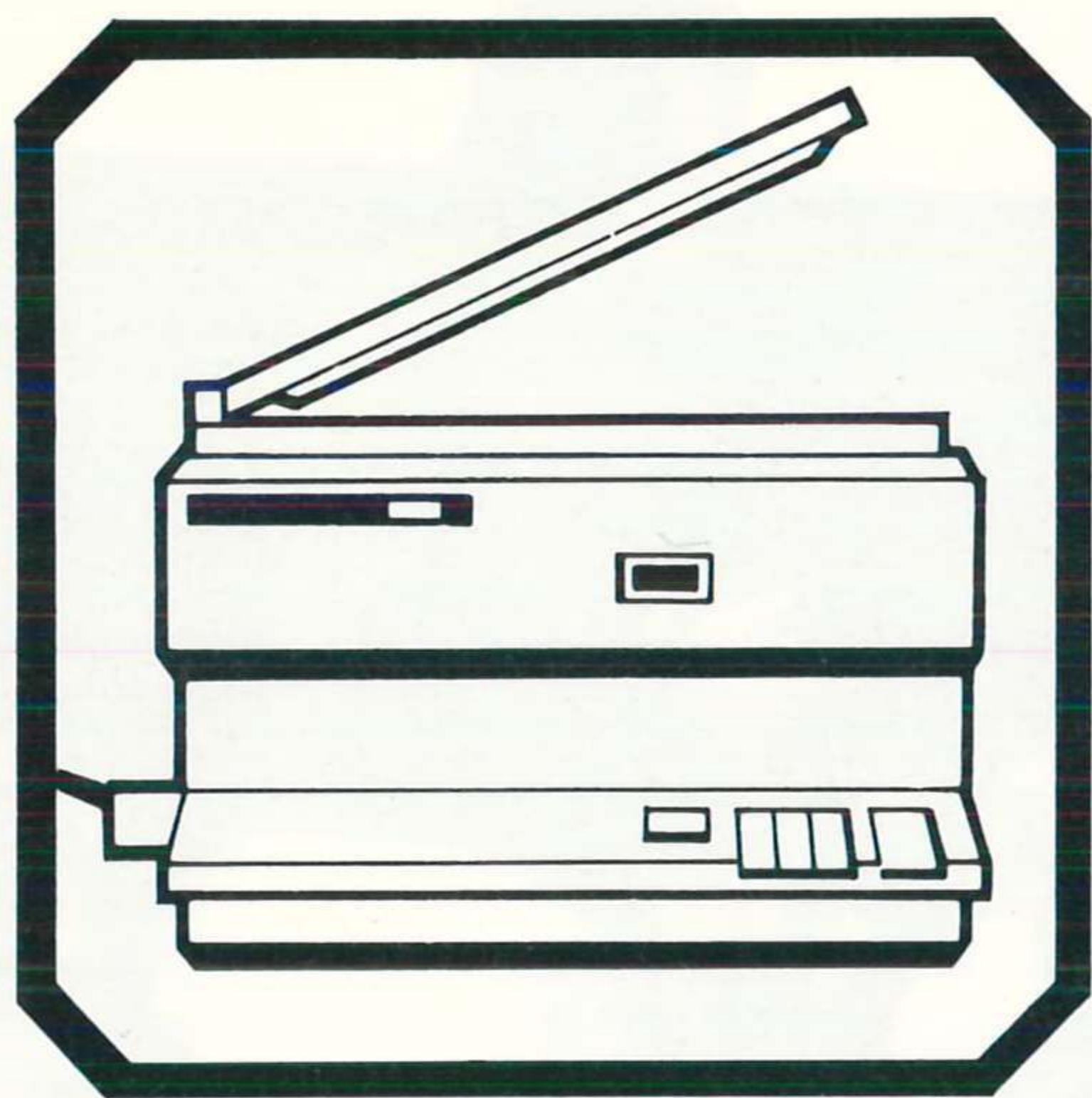
Billy played 56 times for his country during his career which spanned; Glentoran, Sunderland, Luton Town, Everton and Port Vale. His last cap was against England in 1963, when the first full international under floodlights was played at Wembley . . . Now England have well and truly put the lights out for Northern Ireland soccer.



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Ray Bradley of
the 'Sunday
Express' writes
for you

They say soccer is skint. The game is on Skid Row. The takings are down and the costs are going up. The players are bleeding the clubs and the barrel is dry. I wonder.

The only talk recently has been all about money. Millionaire Robert Maxwell made a cool £10 million takeover bid for Manchester United. After some serious thought at Old Trafford his offer was turned down.

Then Mr. Maxwell, who happens to run Oxford United among his many enterprises, stepped in with an £800,000 offer to save Derby from going to the wall. But he later pulled out of the deal because he reckoned the Football League were acting as law enforcers for the Inland Revenue.

Charlton were saved from the chop at the last minute as the executioner's axe was about to fall — again wielded by those hard-faced men from the Inland Revenue.

But soccer still trembles as more and more clubs teeter on the brink of bankruptcy. And little wonder, with 92 League clubs chasing the same pot of promised gold despite debts of £40 million — despite everything being hived off to Television and Japanese sponsors. Ah, so!

IRISH WINK

It was FA chairman Bert Millichip who once said that money is the root of all evil in football. He made that statement when he was chairman of West Brom, a club still coming out of a Black Country Stone Age despite their impressive new stand.

But Albion are still ambitious. They proved that by sacking Ron Wylie and coach Mike Kelly after a slump in form. That cost them a paltry £50,000 pay off. They were immediately replaced with a new £80,000-a-year management team.

Johnny Giles moved back to The Hawthorns as boss. He immediately appointed his brother-in-law Nobby Stiles and former Leeds team mate Norman Hunter as his assistants. They probably represented the toughest midfield management team ever assembled in the First Division.

Giles with an Irish wink declared: "The game hasn't changed, but the terms of management have." Johnny wasn't kidding. He later added that every player in the club would be playing for their places before an end of season clearout.

That shook the West Brom board who had already admitted that cash was scarce. The cupboard was dry. The club's financial resources were stretched to the limit.

SAME PLANET?

Strong, stirring rhetoric. It was time to pull the belt in at a club where average gates had slumped below 15,000.

Mr. Giles was hardly impressed. Even at 43 he is still

a real ball winner. He must have bawled out the board too for going over the top. It was time for action: not words that wound. He went out and bought midfielder Steve Hunt from Coventry for £100,000. Then he splashed out another £60,000 on Paddy Grealish from Brighton.

Grealish blasted Brighton on his departure for lack of ambition and questioned where all that Cup Final money from last season went. Plus the sale of Mike Robinson, Gary Stevens and Steve Foster which brought in more than £600,000.

With Ron Atkinson, a former West Brom boss now in charge of Manchester United, now demanding £3 million as the starting price for Bryan Robson I am convinced there is plenty of loot in the game.

When I attend Press luncheons to launch new sponsorship schemes and down some of the amber nectar I am convinced that there is more money around than I thought.

When I read about Charlie Nicholas's problems on £175,000 a year I wonder if I'm on the right planet. Beam me up Mr. Spock before I go crazy!



Johnny Giles the new boss at The Hawthorns.

DECADE OF T

Bob Paisley never did, and never will, know exactly why Bill Shankly resigned as manager of Liverpool Football Club in the summer of 1974.

Two months earlier, the FA Cup had gone to Anfield for what is still only the second time in the club's history — and nothing seemed less likely than that 'Shanks' was about to end his 15-year command.

But that was to be the way of it, and Paisley returned from holiday on July 12, 1974, slap into the news conference at which Shankly announced his abdication.

Nine years later, as Bob, now 64, contemplated his own retirement from the Liverpool hot seat, he said: 'I have asked myself many times why Bill packed the job in, and I still don't know the answer. It will always remain a puzzle to me. All Bill would say was that he had had enough.

'I tried to talk him into staying, suggested that we carried on while he went away for a complete break — a world cruise or something like that — that would bring him back to the job completely refreshed.

'But his mind was made up and nothing would change it. I certainly didn't want the job — how do you follow a man of his calibre, someone with his fabulous record? — but I found myself saying "yes" when it was offered to me.'

That comprehensive 3-0 victory over Newcastle at the climax to season 1973-74 was to launch the most triumphant ten seasons in the history of any British club, and Bob Paisley's achievements were to shade, by a considerable measure, those of his illustrious predecessor.

For by the time he chose to hand over, at the end of season 1982-83, the 'Paisley collection' of honours made him the most successful manager Britain has ever seen.

In Bob's nine years in charge Liverpool won no fewer than 20 major prizes: Six League Championships (beating Sir Matt Busby's record of five with Manchester United); three European Cups (only British club to complete such a hat-trick); three League Cup/Milk Cup triumphs (again the first club to do this); one UEFA Cup success; one European Super Cup victory; and six FA Charity Shields (one of them shared).

All of which put one Merseyside soccer know-all in world class when it comes to getting things wrong. For when Bob Paisley's appointment was announced, the local paper received a letter on the lines: 'So "Shanks" has gone and Paisley is his successor. Mark my words, Liverpool will win nothing under this fellow.' He must have been an Everton fan!

This was Anfield's season-by-season prize list during Bob Paisley's period in office:

1974-75 (1): FA Charity Shield.

1975-76 (3): League Championship, UEFA Cup, FA Charity Shield.

1976-77 (4): League Championship, European Cup, European Super Cup, FA Charity Shield (shared).

1977-78 (1): European Cup.

1978-79 (2): League Championship, FA Charity Shield.

1979-80 (2): League Championship, FA Charity Shield.

1980-81 (2): League Cup, European Cup.

1981-82 (2): League Championship, Milk Cup.

1982-83 (3): League Championship, Milk Cup, FA Charity Shield.

What a way for Bob, son of a Durham miner, to complete 44 years with Liverpool, whom he joined from crack North-east amateurs Bishop Auckland after they won the FA Amateur Cup in April 1939.

Paisley gave up laying bricks to become a professional footballer, but within a few months of his arrival at Anfield came the war that was to delay his First Division debut for

Paisley the top boss — here with his own trophy, the Bell's Scotch Whisky Cup as Bell's Manager of the Year... Bob won the award a record six times.



THE CENTURY



seven years.

He returned from Army service in the Middle East to start his soccer career anew in 1946. Liverpool became the first post-war League champions, with wing-half Paisley collecting a medal in that side.

In all he made 252 League appearances, and after retiring as a player he served Liverpool as reserve trainer, first team trainer and as No. 2 to Bill Shankly before taking over in July 1974. His first team-talk started with the words: 'I never wanted this job, anyway'

Nine years later, he stepped down (or rather up, into the Liverpool boardroom) as football's most successful manager ever, with the OBE for his services to the game, as Manager of the Year for the sixth time, with an honorary Master of Science degree conferred on him at Liverpool University, and to be honoured later in the year with the freedom of that city. That was not all, for 1983 brought him the Professional Footballers' Association 'special award' and the Merseyside Gold Medal for all he has achieved for that area.

That is quite an honours list earned from the game he loves by a man who never took a coaching badge, and who missed out on only one major prize during his remarkable managerial reign. That was the FA Cup, ironically the last trophy the club won under Bill Shankly.

The closest Bob Paisley got to FA Cup glory was to reach the 1977 Final, in which a 2-1 defeat by Manchester United prevented completion of a phenomenal treble that remains unachieved in the game's records — that of League Championship, FA Cup and European Cup.

It was the only time Paisley left Wembley a loser in twelve visits as manager. His four League Cup/Milk Cup Finals there resulted in two wins and two draws, his six Charity Shields produced five outright wins and one shared trophy, and his Wembley highlight was the winning of the European Cup by 1-0 against Bruges in 1978.

As Bob retired, Liverpool Football Club — masters of continuity in their choice of manager as well as the winning of trophies — replaced him, as they had replaced 'Shanks', with another of Anfield's old-timers in the boot-room.

And as Joe Fagan, in his 63rd year, took up the reins at a time when most men are preparing to put them down, he must have pondered, in his most private moments of thought, how anyone could follow the most celebrated succession in football management — Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley.

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STEPHEN HODGE

ENGLAND'S YOUNG ONES...

As England manager Bobby Robson sifts through the candidates for England's next World Cup campaign the name of Nottingham Forest's Steve Hodge is one name which has been pencilled in as a possible.

In this series Colin Benson looks at the young hopefuls in the England Under-21 squad, the players who will become England's future.



STEPHEN HODGE, a local lad from Nottingham, has made quite an impression in the First Division, since making his debut for Forest on the last day of the 1981-82 season at Ipswich.

He missed only three League games last season and is now an established regular in Brian Clough's team although he only celebrated his 21st birthday last October.

His form last season was so impressive that it earned Stephen the 'Player of the Year' award from the Forest supporters club and he received further recognition by gaining his first Under-21 international honour, playing the last 15 minutes against Greece in November 1982.

He has since gone on to win three caps at this level and it would have been more but for injury.

"My first game against Greece wasn't too bad," reflects Steve, "but I enjoyed it even more against France at Hillsborough when we won 6-1.

"It was a good fight back in the end after giving them a goal start."

NATURAL

There is one facet of Stephen's play which puts him in a special category. He can run with the ball at speed and loves to go straight at defences.

"That is my strength really," says the little forward who is at his best when operating from deep positions. "Brian Clough my manager is always preaching to me to get forward and get forward with the ball and unsettle defenders."

It was this ingredient that former England boss Ron Greenwood was so anxious to draft into the national side as he feels that it is an essential weapon in the international game.

"Hopefully if I keep on going like I am doing I might even get to the top," smiles Hodge.

"Defenders hate people running at them with the ball and it creates space for other people.

"It is something I have just always done since I was a schoolboy. I love dribbling with the ball.

"I work hard but my main asset is going

forward and creating opportunities for other people.

"I don't particularly practice the skill it just seems to be something that I can do naturally. Dribbling in and out of a line of cones obviously helps and you can improve your technique with practice."

SPECIAL

Things are going very well for this delightful young man at club level and he has been an important cog in the Nottingham Forest challenge at the top of the First Division. But is he surprised at how quickly he has established himself as a top class player?

"I'm always surprised yes. But I never get carried away because this is a funny game, one minute you are up the next you are down, so I take each game as it comes."

How does Stephen see himself. As a striker or a midfielder player?

"A bit of both really. I like to score my fair share of goals — he was Forest's second highest scorer with eight League goals last season — and I like to defend quite a bit so I am a bit of both.

"As a schoolboy player I was always a striker. It was Brian Clough who dropped me back and things have gone well for me since then.

"I don't think it was a case of my size, Danny Wallace and Kevin Keegan are smaller than me. I have always been quite good at long distance running and that probably had a bearing on the decision, because you need stamina in midfield.

"My biggest strength though is acceleration over five or ten yards, getting away from people."

Stephen Hodge is certainly a name to keep your eye on. When he embarks on one of those penetrating runs into the heart of the opposing penalty area anything can happen.

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A-Z

Part 24 — by Tony Pullein

RELEGATION. The Wanderers have on nine occasions experienced the anguish of relegation, less often than many clubs of similar age. The first came in 1899 but on that occasion we were back in Division One within twelve months. We finished bottom of the First Division in 1903 and then it took us two years to reclaim our place.

Further relegations in 1908 and 1910 were followed by instantaneous promotion and, when we went down again in 1933, it needed only two seasons to effect a recovery.

Relegation in 1964 was a prelude to our longest-ever period of exile from First Division football. In 1971 we were relegated to Division Three for the first time and it wasn't until 1978 that we returned to Division One.

Another relegation came in 1980 and last year we dropped back once more into Division Three.

ROBERTS, John. John was born in Swansea but it was with the Wanderers that he made his name. He was originally an inside-forward but it was at full-back that we saw him at his best. He played for Wales against Belgium in May 1949 and a year later he returned to complete his playing days with his home-town club.

League record:

	Aps	Gls
BOLTON 1937/38	1	—
1938/39	17	—
1946/47	32	6
1947/48	37	—
1948/49	36	2
1949/50	37	3
1950/51	2	—
SWANSEA 1950/51	16	1
	178	12

RUDGE, Simon. Simon was still an apprentice when he made his League debut for the Wanderers as substitute against Wolves in September 1982 but by the end of last season he was holding a regular place in the first-team. He scored his first goal at Barnsley in March 1983 and has scored eight times in League and Cup this season.

League record:

	Aps	Gls
1982/83	21(2)	3
*1983/84	25(4)	6
	46(6)	9

*Up to the end of March.

STEVENS, Dennis. Dennis joined the Wanderers as a youngster and made his League debut for the club in September 1953. Though quite short, he possessed a powerful shot and he scored more than 100 League and Cup goals for the club. Dennis won three England under-23 caps and played for the Football League during his stay with us but the highlight was obviously the day he helped us to defeat Manchester United in the 1958 F.A. Cup final.

He was transferred to Everton for £30,000 in 1962 and was ever-present when the Toffees won the League Championship a year later.

Oldham signed him in 1965 and he ended his playing days with Tranmere Rovers.

League record:

	Aps	Gls
BOLTON 1953/54	12	4
1954/55	14	3
1955/56	39	13
1956/57	39	13
1957/58	37	13
1958/59	32	13
1959/60	39	14
1960/61	31	10
1961/62	30	7
EVERTON 1961/62	12	4
1962/63	42	7
1963/64	42	9
1964/65	18	—
1965/66	6	—
OLDHAM 1965/66	29	—
1966/67	6	—
TRANMERE 1966/67	15(1)	2
1967/68	13(2)	1
	456(3)	113

Former centre-half JIMMY SEDDON and that legendary forward JOE SMITH figure among the features included in part 25 of our A-Z. We shall also be chronicling our record as a Second Division club.

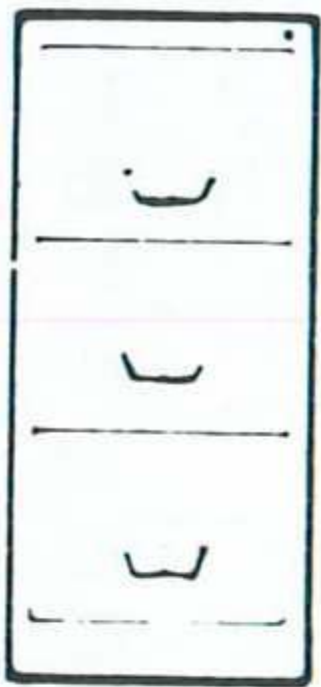
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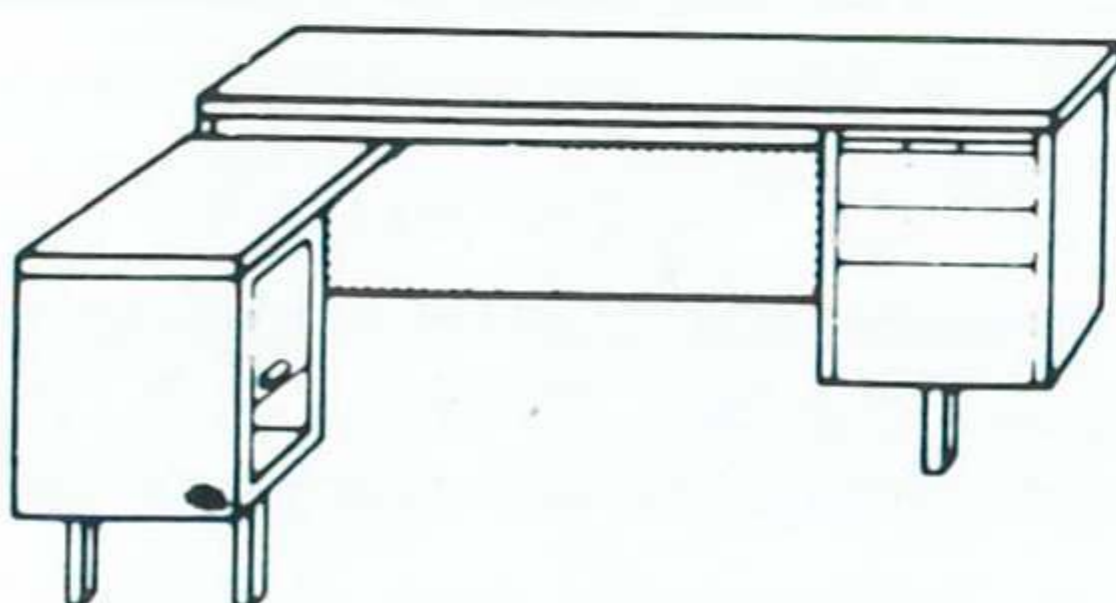
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Action

1. Goalmouth action during last week's game against Gillingham.
2. Aiming for the top are Jeff Chandler and Gerry McElhinney. Actually Gerry's pub team, The Top Bull, Bury Road and Jeff's, The Tansy Green, Brightnet had a friendly challenge darts and pool match at The Top Bull recently. Gerry beat Jeff at darts but lost at pool. Overall Gerry's team beat Jeff's by 14 games to 10. A return match is planned with away points counting double.

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(UP TO AND INCLUDING WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL 1984)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Oxford United	38	14	3	1	47	18	10	4	6	29	25	79	
Wimbledon	39	13	5	2	54	31	8	3	8	32	38	71	
Hull City	37	13	3	2	34	10	6	9	4	26	21	69	
Sheffield United	39	11	7	1	46	15	8	4	8	27	32	68	
Walsall	39	12	4	4	39	20	7	4	8	20	33	65	
Bristol Rovers	38	14	4	2	40	17	4	6	8	18	28	64	
Burnley	38	12	4	2	48	14	3	9	8	20	28	58	
Bolton Wanderers	38	11	4	4	31	13	5	6	8	19	30	58	
Gillingham	37	11	2	5	41	23	6	5	8	20	33	58	
Bradford City	36	9	7	2	42	27	7	2	9	22	25	57	
Orient	38	11	5	4	31	21	4	4	10	23	40	54	
Newport County	37	10	7	3	31	24	4	5	8	20	37	54	
Millwall	36	12	3	2	29	15	1	9	9	23	38	51	
Lincoln City	38	10	4	5	37	22	4	5	10	13	30	51	
Wigan Athletic	38	9	4	6	24	17	4	7	8	18	31	50	
Preston North End	39	9	5	5	35	23	3	5	12	21	34	46	
AFC Bournemouth	38	9	3	7	29	22	3	2	14	21	43	41	
Plymouth Argyle	37	8	8	3	29	14	2	2	14	14	38	40	
Brentford	39	5	8	6	31	29	3	5	12	25	45	37	
Rotherham United	36	5	5	7	17	15	4	3	12	23	37	35	
Scunthorpe United	36	6	8	4	30	28	0	8	10	12	33	34	
Port Vale	37	8	3	8	28	25	1	3	14	12	45	33	
Southend United	36	5	8	5	25	19	1	5	12	17	42	31	
Exeter City	38	3	7	10	24	35	2	6	10	22	36	28	

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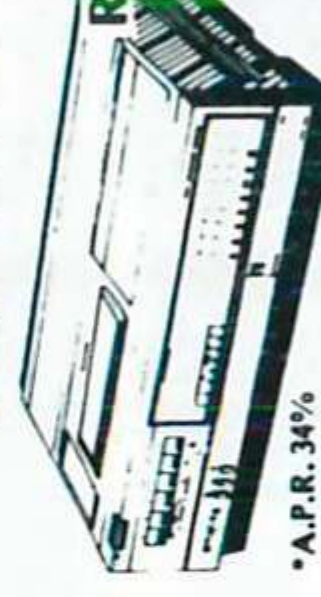
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M42 102 miles
M42 to intersection 2, junction A41 107 miles
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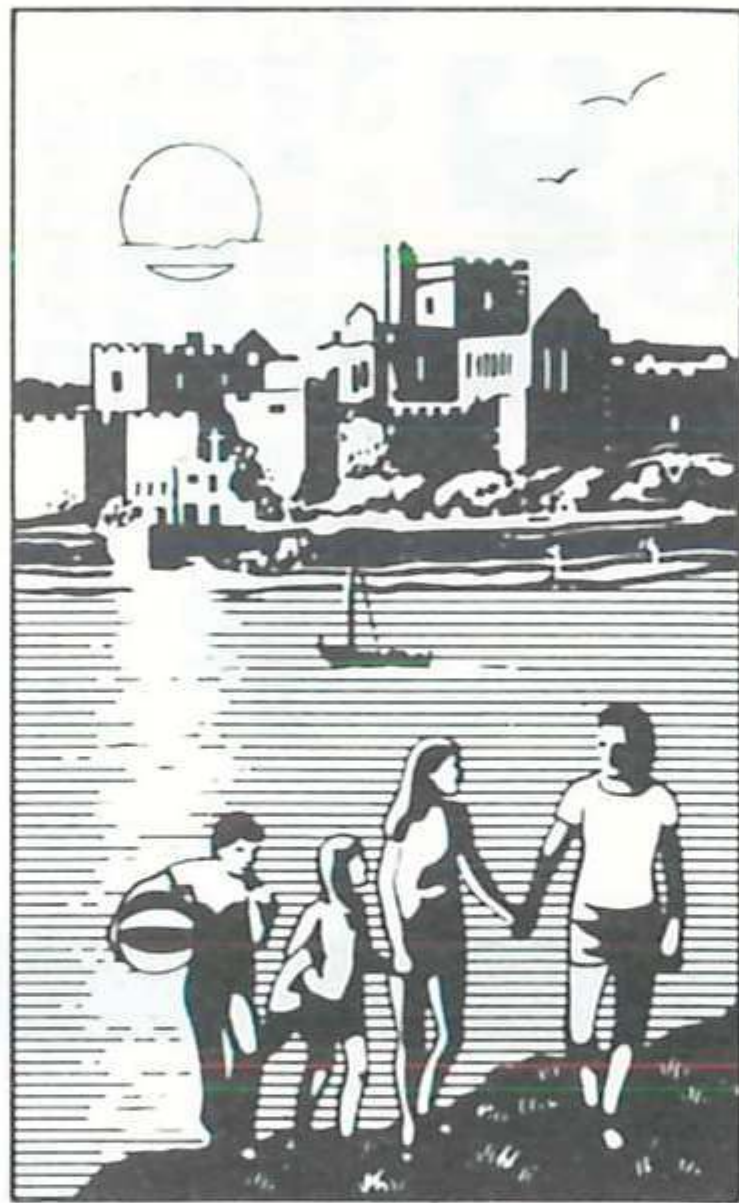
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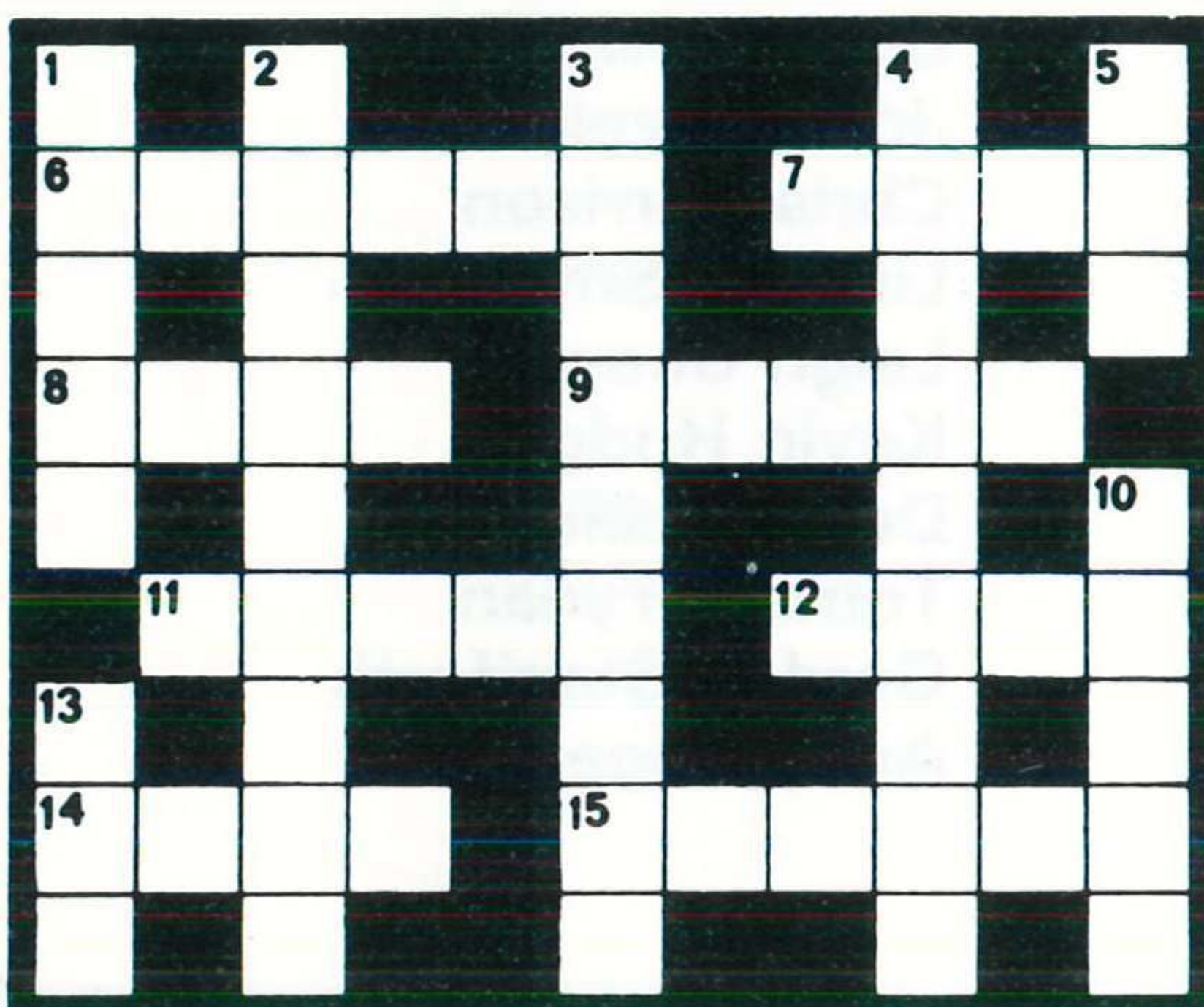
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6. One of soccer's modern Young men (6)
7. Saxby, say (4)
8. Supporters who may blow hot or cold? (4)
- 9 & 11. Manager who started the season with wholesale changes at Highfield Road (5,5)
12. Keeper who shared over 500 League appearances between Bournemouth (where he both started and finished), Oldham, Ipswich and Portsmouth (4)
14. One of soccer's former Young men, he reached Everton from Hearts, the club . . . (4)
15. . . . — — — Bannon left when he joined Chelsea (6)



DOWN

1. The bird on Walsall's badge, a reminder of the club's original name (5)
2. Defender who shared his career with Huddersfield, Halifax, Chesterfield, etc., and his name with a world champion motor-racer (4,5)
3. Full-back for long a fixture at Bramall Lane before finishing off at Chesterfield (3,6)
4. Club promoted in 1979 . . . relegated in 1980 . . . promoted in 1981 . . . relegated in 1982 . . . promoted in 1983 . . . (9)
5. West Ham United's home score against Bury in the Milk Cup this season (3)
10. In which you will find 8 across (5)
11. Pratt, perhaps (3)

Answers to No. 23: **ACROSS:** 1. second-half, 7. Cliff, 8. Weare, 9. Lions, 12. Astle, 13. Heale, 14. Denis Smith. **DOWN:** 2. Eric, 3. offside, 4. Alan, 5. Fletcher, 6. Scotland, 8. Wyndham, 10. Stan, 11. East.

PICK-NICK No. 24

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Answer to No. 23:
Cum.Brians, Carlisle

MIXED DOUBLES No. 24

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MOANS and WILES

to find the names of two men called "Russell"

Answers to No. 23: GLEASURE and DANIEL

QUICK QUIZ No. 24

1. Before Zondervan, who was the only Z player in the League?
2. Who was known as "Budgie"?
3. Who wrote the book *The Arsenal Stadium Mystery* which was filmed with several players participating?
4. Who overtook Deyna's record of 102 caps for Poland?
5. Which Portuguese club did Malcolm Allison manage successfully?

Answers to No. 23

1. Airdrieonians, 2. WBA, 3. Roger Osborne, 4. Genoa, 5. Leighton.

ON THE BALL No. 24

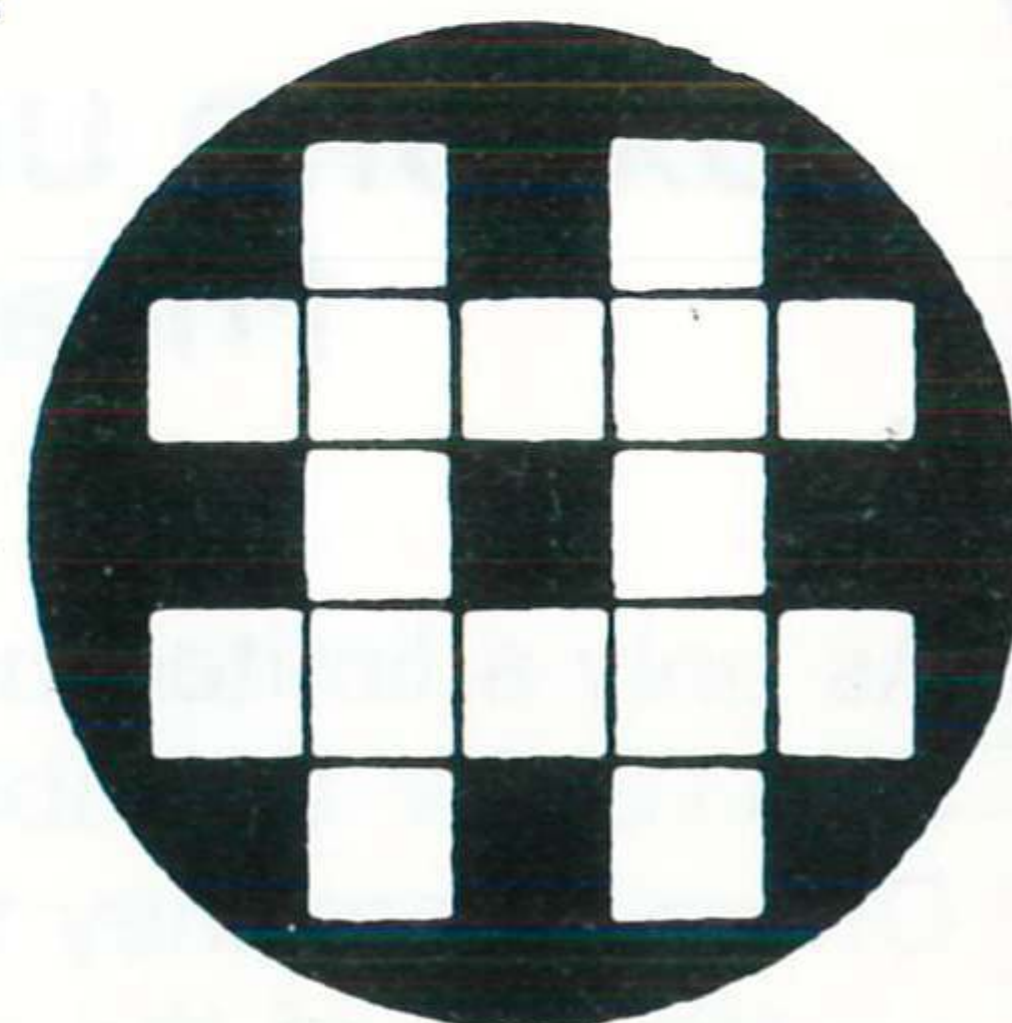
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Peter Valentine	6
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Jeff Chandler	8
Neil Whatmore	9
Tony Caldwell	10
Graham Bell	11
	12

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